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Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year ending
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STATISTICS.

Area.	4,410 acres.
Population.	1,580.
Inhabited houses.	525.
Rateable Value.	£8,211.
Product of ld. rate.	£33. 1. 10.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	7.	17.	Birth rate-17
Illegitimate.	1.	2.	(for England 16.7)
Stillbirths.	Nil.		

<u>DEATHS.</u>	5.	10.	Death rate 6.5 (corrected)
Under 1 year.	Nil.		(for England 11.7)

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Cancer.	1	1	Other circulatory		
Apoplexy.	1	1	diseases.	1	2
Heart disease.	1	5	Other causes.	-	1
Bronchitis.	1	-			

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia, 4. Scarlet Fever, 1. Puerperal Pyrexia, 1.
TUBERCULOSIS. 1 new case was notified, a non-pulmonary
male of 5. No deaths occurred. 10 cases remain on the
register. Notification of all infectious disease is
satisfactory.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Numbers done, under fives, 56; 5-14 years, 19;
"Booster" doses. 14.

The number of young children done remains satisfactory but the booster doses given at school are not. The original immunity has waned by this time and the child is exposed to contact for the first time and should have further protection.

H. Pedler.
M.O.H.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

HOUSING.

Number of houses erected by the Council - 10.

Number of houses erected by private enterprise - Nil

It was not found necessary to serve any statutory notices during the year, the required work being done in every case by informal action. The increased cost of house repairs has made the work of the Sanitary Inspector more difficult as the rent obtainable in many cases in no way merits the expenditure.

WATER.

Sampled quarterly from supply. All samples proved satisfactory. Number of houses on main supply, 409. Other premises taking a supply, including metered supplies to farms, 32. The proposal to extend the water main to Burnt House corner has not yet been commenced, when this is completed the link-up with Hartismere will be effected. This will be capable of reciprocation of supply.

SEWERAGE.

No extension of sewers was made and no blockages recorded during the year.

CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

Of the post-war Closet Conversion Scheme 27 properties have been completed and connected to the sewer. Notices have been served in all other cases and work is in hand on these. This is being executed by owners on an approved tender, the Council paying a grant with respect to each.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This continues as in past years, the open tumbril cart being still in use. Disposal is by open tipping on the Moor meadows.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Several complaints have been received of the transporting of meat to the distributing centre in Eye and its re-distribution. These have been investigated and representations made to the appropriate authority. Improvement has been promised. On many occasions canned meat has been condemned, principally due to blown or damaged cans.

MILK.

There are only two retailers in the Borough the others having changed to bulk delivery to creamery. No complaint of shortage or bad keeping quality has been received. No tuberculous or brucella infected samples were reported.

H. Austin Reeve,
Sanitary Inspector.

